

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. How many women and men have reported that they have had their drinks spiked or have been spiked by needle injection between January 1st, 2021, to 30th November 2022?

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records.

In the requested time period, the mental health services in Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust saw approximately 51,000 distinct patients for a total of approximately 711,000 individual appointments. The casenotes for every one of these appointments would have to be reviewed to determine if this was reported, and then examined further if they did report it in order to identify ages, locations, and evidence as requested. Even if this took 1 minute per appointment reviewed, this would take 1,185 hours to complete.

We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

2. Please can you specify the ages of these men and women who have reported that they have had their drinks spiked or have been spiked by needle injection between the dates listed above.

[See response to question 1](#)

3. Can you please specify the location for where these spiking's have been reported?

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4. Out of these men and women who reported they were spiked; do you have any evidence of this, i.e., toxicology reports to show that they were spiked. If you do, please can you provide the evidence to show this.

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